

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 : Prior Examiner: P. Kim
 Kazuhiko MISHIMA)
 : Prior Group Art Unit: 2851
 Application No.: Unassigned)
 (Continuation of Application No. 08/782,141:
 filed on January 9, 1997))
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 Filed: November 7, 2001) November 7, 2001
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 For: SCAN TYPE PROJECTION)
 EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND :
 DEVICE MANUFACTURING)
 METHOD USING THE SAME :

Commissioner for Patents
Box New Application
 Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3.

FOOTNOTES

--This is a continuation application of copending Application No. 08/782,141,
filed on January 9, 1997, allowed on July 23, 2001.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 2-18 without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject
matter.

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable consideration and allowance of the subject
application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

To place the subject application in better form, the specification has been
amended to reflect its continuing status. No new matter has been added.

Claim 1 is presented for consideration. Claims 2-18 have been cancelled
without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim.

Applicant submits the instant application is in condition for allowance.
Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue are requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C.
office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our
below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX A

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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